

# Faith, Hope, Love

## ...The call to mission

**“I call you to be people who express faith, bear hope and embody love” said the Bishop of Southwark, Bishop Christopher, when he spoke at the first Area launch of ‘Faith, Hope, Love – Bishop Christopher’s call to Mission’.**

He was speaking in St Alfege Church, Greenwich on Tuesday 24 January where representatives from parishes and schools in the Woolwich Area had gathered to hear him launch the initiative. After he had spoken, the Venerable Dr Michael Ipgrave gave more details of Faith, Hope, Love

which at this time is focused on the response of individuals in the Diocese.

Bishop Christopher will write to all members of congregations in the Diocese shortly asking them to reflect prayerfully on Faith, Hope, Love and to make a response, to take seriously their part in God’s mission in Southwark Diocese. Diocesan schools and chaplains have been asked to consider how pupils and the others they work with might become involved.

Further launches were to be held in the Croydon Area on Thursday 26 January and in the Kingston Area on Thursday 2 February.

‘Faith, Hope, Love’ resource material is available on the Diocesan website [www.southwark.anglican.org](http://www.southwark.anglican.org).



**FAITH  
HOPE  
LOVE** Bishop Christopher’s Call to Mission

## ...The Diocesan Pilgrimage

**Bishop Christopher and Andrew Nunn, the Dean of Southwark, are to lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 18 & 25 February 2013.**

### Faith Hope Love

Participants will experience the sights, smells and sounds of the places in which Jesus’ ministry took place as they journey together around Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Via Dolorosa, Jericho, Lake Galilee and Nazareth. They will learn more of what it means to be people who express faith, bear hope and embody love in the place where it all began.

The first four nights accommodation will be close to the Old City of Jerusalem and then there will be a further three nights in a hotel in Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

The fully inclusive cost per person sharing a twin room will be £1,230 (plus insurance of £59 and approximately £35 towards a gratuity). Single rooms are available at an additional supplement.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime and of course places are limited to 150 people.

### More next month

So keep the dates free and look out next month for more information about the programme and how to book your place.



## New Year Honours

**Three people connected with Southwark Cathedral and a Surrey church conservation architect have been honoured by the Queen in the New Year’s Honours.**

Sarah Goad, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, a Lay Canon of Southwark Cathedral and former Chair of the Cathedral Council has become a Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Sylvia Morris, who retired as the Head of the Cathedral School of St Mary and St Saviour Overy at Christmas, has become a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire for her services to education.

William Rathbone a member of the Cathedral congregation has been awarded an OBE for his charitable services.

Peter Mills, 84, of Brockham Green, has been made an MBE for services to the conservation of church buildings and to the community in Dorking. He has spent almost 55 years helping maintain church buildings across the south east as a chief architect for the Church of England, Advisor for English Heritage and latterly as a Trustee of the Surrey Church Conservation Trust.

The Bishop of Southwark, Bishop Christopher said, “I am delighted that Sarah Goad, Sylvia Morris, Bill Rathbone and Peter Mills have been honoured by the Queen. It is fitting that their tireless work should be recognised in this way”.

**Buy Together ... Save Together**

A Parish Buying Service has been launched by the Church of England to help parishes cut costs!

It will offer favourable deals from approved suppliers on a range of key spends including: energy, office products, photocopying, IT software and fire safety.

To find out more visit: [www.parishbuying.org.uk](http://www.parishbuying.org.uk) or tel: 0800 368 0887.

## St Dunstan’s, Bellingham, rededicated



**On Advent Sunday, the Bishop of Southwark rededicated the Parish Church of Bellingham, St Dunstan’s, following extensive refurbishment.**

This included new heating, lighting, and sound systems as well as redecoration works to the church and parish hall.

The service was also attended by the Mayor of Lewisham Sir Steve Bullock,

local MP Jim Dowd and London Assembly Member Len Duval, as well as representatives of local community and youth organisations.

The Revd David Riley, Honorary Assistant Curate at St Dunstan’s said: “We were delighted to welcome Bishop Christopher to celebrate with us on what was a special event for the parish and wider community.

“We wish to thank everyone who has helped to make this happen, not least our architect Roger Molyneux”.